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SUBJ: (C) HUMAN RIGHTS REPORT -- MAY 1979

1. (C - ENTIRE TEXT)

2. SUMMARY. MAY WAS ONE OF WORST -- PERHAPS THE WORST --
MONTHS OF ROMERO ADMINISTRATION IN TERMS OF POLITICAL
INSTABILITY THAT AFFLICTED COUNTRY AND THE ADVERSE HUMAN
RIGHTS IMAGE GOVERNMENT PRESENTED TO WORLD. LEFTIST POPULAR

REVOLUTIONARY BLOC (BPRA WAS MOST ACTIVE OF OPPOSITION
GROUPS DURING MONT., BPR TOOK OVER FRENCH AND COSTA RICAN
EMBASSIES ON MAY 4 AND VENEZUELAN EMBASSY MAY 11
AS MEANS OF PROTEST. ARREST OF FIVE BPR MEMBERS, INCLUDING
SECRETARY GENERAL FACUNDO GUARDADO. GOES DID RELEASE
GUARDADO AND ANOTHER BUT CLAIMED TO KNOW NOTHING OF
OTHER THREE BPR MEMBERS ALLEGEDLY DETAINED. SHOOTING
OF DEMONSTRATORS IN FRONT OF NATIONAL CATHEDRAL ON
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MAY 8 LEFT TWENTY-THREE DEAD WHILE SHOOTING OF
DEMONSTRATORS (MOSTLY BPR) NEAR VENEZUELAN EMBASSY
ON MAY 22 LEFT FOURTEEN DEAD. EVIDENCE AS TO WHO
FIRED FIRMQ WAS DISPUTED BUT GOES NEVERTHELESS PRESENTED
AN EXTREMELY NEGATIVE HUMAN RIGHTS IMAGE TO THE WORLD
AS RESULT OF TWO SHOOTING INCIDENTS. MAY 23 ASSASSINA-
TION BY EXTREME LEFTIST FPL OF MINISTER OF EDUCATION

CARLOS HERRERA REBOLLO, COMING AS IT DID UPON ALL OTHER INCIDENTS OF VIOLENCE, WAS ONE OF FACTORS THAT LED GOES TO DECLARE 30-DAY STATE OF SIEGE THAT WENT INTO EFFECT MAY 24. CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC PARTY (PDC), OTHER TWO ESTABLISHED OPPOSITION POLITICAL PARTIES (MNR AND UDN), AND TWO LARGEST LABOR FEDERATIONS (AS WELL AS OTHER LABOR GROUPS), REFUSED TO PARTICIPATE IN NATIONAL FORUM ESTABLISHED MAY 24 BY GOES TO INITIATE A PROCESS OF DIALOGUE AND SEEK WAYS OF RE-ESTABLISHING "NATIONAL TRANQUILITY". EXTREME RIGHTIST TERRORIST ORGANIZATION UGB, NOT OPENLY ACTIVE SINCE JULY 1977, STARTED APPEARING AGAIN AFTER IMPOSITION OF STATE OF SIEGE, CONTRIBUTING TO EVERY-INCREASING SPIRAL OF VIOLENCE AFFLICTING EL SALVADOR. FINALLY, MAY 30 ASSASSINATION IN SAN SALVADOR OF SWISS CHARGE HUGO WEY WAS SHOCK FOR DIPLOMATIC COMMUNITY AND PERHAPS MOST EXTREME EXAMPLE YET OF SPILLOVER EFFECT OF SALVADOR VIOLENCE ON THAT COMMUNITY. ONE INDICATION OF VIOLENCE DURING MAY WAS REPORT ISSUED BY JUNE 10 "ORIENTACION", NEWSPAPER OF ARCHBISHOPRIC OF SAN SALVADOR, IN WHICH IT STATED 114 PERSONS HAD BEEN KILLED IN CONFLICT DURING MAY BETWEEN GOVERNMENT AND BPR; 28 BELONGING TO SECURITY FORCES AND ORDEN, 62 BPR MEMBERS, FOUR FPL MEMBERS, THREE FAPU MEMBERS, FIVE BYSTANDERS, AND TWELVE UNIDENTIFIED PERSONS. END SUMMARY.

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3. OCCUPATION OF THREE EMBASSIES BY BPR:

ON MAY 4 AT APPROXIMATELY 1230 HOURS, FRENCH AND COSTA RICAN EMBASSIES WERE OCCUPIED BY ELEMENTS OF LEFTIST POPULAR REVOLUTIONARY BLOC (BPR) PROTESTING ARREST OF BPR MEMBERS: FACUNDO GUARDADO, BPR SECRETARY GENERAL; NUMA ESCOBAR (ALLEGEDLY ARRESTED APRIL 25 IN SAN SALVADOR), BPR SECRETARY OF POLITICAL INDOCTRINATION; MARCIANO MELENDEZ DUENAS, MEMBER OF NATIONAL EXECUTIVE DIRECTORATE OF BPR CAMPESINO ORGANIZATION FECCAS-UTC (ALLEGEDLY ARRESTED FEB 24; JOSE OSCAR LOPEZ MEJIA (ALLEGEDLY ARRESTED ALONG WITH ESCOBAR), SECRETARY OF FINANCES OF BPR SLUM DWELLERS ORGANIZATION UPT; AND RICARDO MENA. FRENCH AND COSTA RICAN AMBASSADONS AND OTHER OFFICIALS WERE TAKEN HOSTAGE. BPR ASKED COUNTRIES WHOSE EMBASSIES HAD BEEN TAKEN TO INTERVENE WITH GOES ON BEHALF OF FIVE BPR MEMBERS ALLEGEDLY DETAINED (SAN SALVADOR 2353). GUARDADO AND MENA WERE RELEASED BYHSGS ON MAY 11 BUT GOVERNMENT CLAIMED TO KNOW NOTHING ABOUT OTHER THREE ALEGED DETAINEES. ON MAY 11 AT APPROXIMATELY 1300 HOURS, BPR ELEMENTS OCCUPIED VENEZUELAN EMBASSY AND VENEZUELAN AMBASSADOR AND OTHER OFFICIALS WERE TAKEN HOSTAGE (SAN SALVADOR

2498). SPECIAL REPS OF FRENCH AND COSTA RICAN

GOVERNMENTS ARRIVED IN SAN SALVADOR (SAN SALVADOR 2377). BPR GAVE UP OCCUPATION OF COSTA RICAN EMBASSY MAY 9 (SAN SALVADOR 2464) AND OF FRENCH AND VENEZUELAN EMBASSIES JUNE 1 (SAN SALADOR 3005), WITHOUT SECURING RELEASE OF OTHER THREE BPR MEMBERS. BPR OCCUIANTS WERE GIVEN SAFE CONDUCT OUT OF COUNTRY. BPR OCCUPATION OF EMBASSIES, ALONG WITH CATHEDRAL AND VENEZUELAN EMBASSY SHOOTINGS, SUCCEEDED IN DRAWING WORLDWIDE ATTENTION TO HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION IN EL SALVADOR. (FOR INFORMATION ON ASSAULTS ON OTHER EMBASSIES, SEE CHROLOLOGY.)

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4. SHOOTINGS IN FRONT OF NATIONAL CATHEDRAL AND VENEZUELAN EMBASSY:

NATIONAL CATHEDRAL WAS OCCUPIED BY BPR ELEMENTS MAY 4. SHOOTING BROKE OUT IN FRONT OF CATHERAL MAY 8 WHEN NATIONAL POLICDE (NP) AGENTSTRIED TO BREAK UP DEMONSTRATION (SAN SALVADOR 2400 AND 2407). POLICE ALLEGED THAT FIRING (INCLUDING THAT OF AUTOMATIC AND SEMI-AUTOMATIC WEAPONS) BROKE OUT FROM CATHEDRAL AND THAT THREE NP AGENTS WERE WOUNDED; DEATH TOLL OF DEMONSTRATORS KILLED BY NP AGENTS EVENTUALLY REACHED TWENTY-THREE. WHEN U.S. NEWSMEN AT SCENE DISPUTED NP VERSION, COL. ANTONIO LOPEZ, DIRECTOR OF THE NATIONAL POLICE, STATED IN MAY 9 PRESS CONFERENCE THAT U.S. NEWSMEN WERE GIVING "DISTORTED INFORMATION" AND HAD COME TO EL SALVADOR WITH "PREMEDITATED SUBVERSIVE IDEAS." ON MAY 22, BPR ORGANIZED MARCH ON VENEZUELAN EMBASSY FOR PURPOSE OF BRINGING FOOD AND SUPPLIES TO OCCUPANTS OF EMBASSY. SHOOTING BROKE OUT NEAR VENEZUELAN EMBASSY (SAN SALVADOR 2729), SITUATED IN ONE OF CHIEF RESIDENTIAL AREAS OF SAN SALVADOR (SAN SALVADOR 2729 AND DATT IR 6 829 0063 79. EVEN EYEWITNESS ACCOUNTS COULD NOT RESOLVE WHO MAY HAVE STARTED SHOOTING FIRST, NP AGENTS OR DEMOSTRATORS. FOURTEEN DEMONSTRATORS WERE KILLED, DOING FURTHER DAMAGE TO HUMAN RIGHTS IMAGE OF EL SALVADOR ABROAD.

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5. ASSASSINATION OF MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND GOES
DECLARATION OF STATE OF SIEGE:

AT APPROXIMATELY 0700 HOURS ON MAY 23 IN SAN
SALVADOR, MINISTER OF EDUCATION CARLOS ANTONIO HERRERA
REBOLLO AND HIS DRIVER WERE MACHINEGUNNED TO DEATH
WHEN JEEP IN WHICH THEY WERE RIDING STOPPED AT STOP

SIGN. EXTREME LEFTIST POPULAR FORCES OF LIBERATION
(FPL) TOOK CREDIT FOR ACT (SAN SALVADOR 2715),
CLAIMING AMONG OTHER THINGS THAT IT WAS IN RETALIATION
FOR VICTIMS OF SHOOTING AT CATHEDRAL AND OTHER
INCIDENTS. PARTLY IN RESPONSE TO HERRERA KILLING, ON
MAY 23 LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY APPROVED GOES REQUEST
FOR STATE OF SIEGE TO GO INTO EFFECT MAY 24 FOR 30
DAYS; ARTICLES OF CONSTITUTION SUSPENDED WERE THOSE
RELATING TO ENTRY AND EXIT FROM EL SALVADOR (ARTICLE
154), RIGHTS OF EXPRESSION OF INDIVIDUALS AND PRESS
(ARTICLE 158), INVIOABILITY OF CORRESPONDENRS (ARTICLE
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159), AND RIGHT OF PEACEFUL ASSEMBLY (ARTICLE 160).
GOES EMPHASIZED THAT STATE OF SIEGE WAS NOT SAME AS
MARTIAL LAW AND THAT NO CURFEW WAS CALLED FOR (SAN
SALVADOR 2758). GOES REPORTEDLY ANNOUNCED THAT UNDER
TERMS OF STATE OF SIEGE IT WOULD NOT PERMIT FURTHER
OCCUPATION OF CATHEDRAL AND OTHER CHURCHES TAKEN OVER
BY BPR ELEMENTS. BPR ANNOUNCED AFTERNOON OF MAY 24
THAT IT WOULD GIVE UP OCCUPATION OF CATHEDRAL AND

OTHER CHURCHES (SAN SALVADOR 2794).

6. GOES AND OPPOSITION POLITICAL PARTIES:

FOLLOWING MAY 17 SPEECH BY PRESIDENT ROMERO, IN WHICH HE CALLED FOR "DIALOGUE" (SAN SALVADOR 2636), GOES ON MAY 24 ESTABLISHED NATPYWNAL FORUM TO DISCUSS CKETHODS OD RE-ESTABLISHING "NATIONAL TRANQUILITY". ON MAY 23, OPPOSITION CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC PARTY (PDC) ANNOUNCED IT HAD DECIDED NOT TO PARTICIPATE IN NATIONAL FORUM (SAN SALVADOR 2737) ADDING THAT BPR SHOULD BE OFFERED OPPORTUNITY OF PARTICIPATING IN ANY DIALOGUE AND STATING THAT "VIOLENT CLIMATE NT THE MOMENT IS NOT CONDUCIVE TO THE DIALOGUE PROPOSED BY PRESIDENT ROMERO". IN MAY 25 PRESS CONFERENCE, LEADERS OF PDC, NATIONAIERGCVOLUTIONARY MOVEMENT (MNR), COMMUNIST-DOMINATED NATIONALIST DEMOCRATIC UNION (UDN), COMMUNIST-DOMINATED LABOR FEDERATION CUTS (SECOND LARGEST IN EL SALVADOR), DEMOCRATIC LABOR FEDERATION FESINCONSTANS (LARGEST IN EL SALVADOR), AND FIVE OTHER LABOR GROUPS ANNOUNCED NON-PARTICIPATION IN NATIONAL FORUM AND PLANS TO FORM "POPULAR FORUM" AT NATIONAL EVEL (SAN SALVADOR 2843). DUE TO PDC REFUSAL TO PARTICIPATE IN NATIONAL FORUM, GOES REFUSED TO ATTEND FURTHER SESSIONS OF SO-CALLED "INTERNAL DIALOGUE", IN WHICH PRIVATE TALKS HAD BEEN CONFIDENTIAL

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HELD AMONG REPS OF PDC, CHURCH, GOEYAN AND PRIVATE BUSINESS GROUPS TO DISCUSS POSSIBILITIES OF "POLITICAL

OPENING". NON-PARTICIPATION IN NATIONAL FORUM BY ALL THREE OF ESTABLISHED OPPOSITION POLITICAL PARTIES AND TWO LARGEST LABOR FEDERATIONS DEALT SEVERE BLOW TO VIABILITY AND CREDIBILITY OF NATIONAL FORUM AS POSSIBLE MEANS OF RESOLVING SOME OF EL SALVADRR'S POLITICAL PROBLEMS.

7. RESURGENCE OF EXTREME RIGHTIST TERRORIST GROUPS:

ON MAY 23, BULLET-RIDDLED BODY OF YOUNG MAN WAS FOUND IN VICINITY OF SANTA ANA. A SMALL BANNER WITH INSCRIPTION "FOR BEING TRAITOR - UGB" WAS FOUND WITH BODY (SAN SALVADOR 2749). ACRONYM "UGB" IS THAT OF EXTREME RIGHTIST TERRORIST ORGANIZATION WHITE WARRIORS' UNION, WHICH HAD NOT BEEN OPENLY ACTIVE SINCE JULY 1977 WHEN IT THREATENED TO KILL ALL JESUIT PRIESTS IF THEY DID NOT LEAVE COUNTRY. ON MAY 24 AT APPROXIMATELY 1030 HOURS, TEACHER RENE MAURICIO PACHECO NERIO, REPORTEDLY MEMBER OF BPR TEACHERS' ORGANIZATION ANDES 21 DE JUNIO, WAS ASSASSINATED NEAR IZALCO (DEPARTMENT OF SONSONATE). A NOTE LEFT ON

BODY STATED THAT UGB WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR ACT (SAN SALVADOR 2766). PACHECO KILLING WAS FIRST IN SERIES OF ASSASSINATIONS OF TEACHERS THAT STARTED AFTER AND CONTINUED DURING IMPOSITION OF STATE OF SIEGE. APPARENT RESURGENCE OF EXTREME RIGHTIST TERRORIST GROUPS LIKE UGB WAS EXAMPLE OF EVER-INCREASING SPIRAL OF VIOLENCE AFFLICTING EL SALVADOR AND ALSO WAS CONCRETE DEMONSTRATION OF CONTINUING POLARIZATION OF SALVADORAN POLITICAL LIFE. (FOR FURTHER ACTIONS ALLEGEDLY CARRIED OUT BY EXTREME RIGHTIST GROUPS, SEE PART C OF CHRONOLOGY.)

8. LABOR DISTURBANCES:

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BPR-CONTROLLED JOSE GUILLERMO RIVAS UNION COORDINATING COMMITTEE (CCS) ANNOUNCED HALF-DAY WORK STOPPAGE ON MAY 7 WHILE BPR TEACHERS' ORGANIZATION ANDES 21 DE JUNIO AND BPR CAMPESINO ORGANIZATION FECCAS-UTC ALSO ANNOUNCED WORK STOPPAGES OSTENSIBLY IN SYMPATHY WITH TAKEOVERS OF NATIONAL CATHEDRAL AND EMBASSIES (SAN SALVADOR 2400). ANDES TEACHERS WENT ON STRIKE MAY 24 TO PROTEST MAY 22 VENEZUELAN EMBASSY SHOOTING. HOWEVER, SYMPATHY STRIKES AND LABOR DISTURBANCES SIMILAR TO THOSE THAT OCCURRED IN MARCH 1979 DID NOT BREAK OUT DURING JUNE. IF THEY HAD, THEY MIGHT WELL HAVE PUT INTOLERABLE STRAINS ON GOVERNMENT, ALREADY UNDER PRESSURE BY BPR. ON MAY 8, UNION OF CONSTRUCTION WORKERS (SUTC), LARGEST COMPONENT OF DEMOCRATIC FEDERATION OF UNIONS OF CONSTRUCTION AND TRANSPORTATION WORKERS (FESINCONSTRANS), ANNOUNCED BEGINNING OF STRIKE AT TWO CONSTRUCTION SITES, WITH STRIKE TO EXPAND TO OTHER SITES IN SUCCESSIVE STAGES (SAN SALVADOR 2434). HOWEVER, IT WAS UNRELATED TO POLITICAL STRIFE THEN GOING ON AND INDEED POSSIBILITY OF IT HAD BEEN ANNOUNCED BEFORE MAY EVENTS. ONE OF CHIEF MANIFESTATIONS OF MAY TROUBLES WAS BURNING OF BUSES. IT IS POSSIBLE THERE WAS AT LEAST SOME SUPPORT FOR THIS ON PART OF WORKERS BECAUSE POSSIBILITY OF RISE IN BUS FARES WAS ANNOUNCED DURING MAY. HOWEVER, BUSES ARE HANDY TARGETS FOR PEOPLE PROTESTING OTHER OCCURRENCES SO ANNOUNCEMENT OF POSSIBLE RISE IN BUS FARES MAY NOT HAVE BEEN CRUCIAL FACTOR.

9. ASSASSINATION OF SWISS CHARGE:

AT APPROXIMATELY 0800 HOURS ON MAY 30 IN SAN SALVADOR SWISS CHARGE D'AFFAIRES HUGO WEY WAS ASSASSINATED IN HIS CAR WHILE ON WAY TO WORK (SAN SALVADOR 2434).
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SALVADOR 2877)(2884). HIS CAR WAS FORCED OFF STREET IN ONE OF SAN SALVADOR'S CHIEF RESIDENTIAL AREAS, AN AREA WHERE MANY DIPLOMATIC (INCLUDING U.S.) PERSONNEL LIVE AND WHERE SEVERAL EMBASSIES ARE LOCATED. NO GROUP TOOK CREDIT FOR ACT. NO MOTIVE FOR SHOOTING WAS ADDUCED ALTHOUGH THERE WAS SPECULATION THAT IT MAY HAVE BEEN DUE TO BOTCHED KIDNAPPING ATTEMPT. WEY'S DEATH WAS SHOCK FOR MEMBERS OF DIPLOMATIC COMMUNITY AND WAS YET ANOTHER EXAMPLE -- INDEED THE MOST EXTREME ONE -- OF SPILLOVER OF EL SALVADOR'S POLITICAL VIOLENCE ON MEMBERS

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OF DIPLOMATIC COMMUNITY.

10. CHROLOLOGY OF OPPOSITION, TERRORIST AND SECURITY FORCES ACTIVITIES:
(NOTE: EMBASSY SENT EXTENSIVE CABLE REPORTS ON MAY EVENTS. CHROLOGY WILL THUS BE MORE ABBREVIATED THAN USUAL AND WILL NOT INCLUDE SUCH ITEMS AS BURNING OF BUSES, OCCUPATION OF CHURCHES AND OTHER BUILDINGS, WHICH WERE PREVIOUSLY REPORTED ON.)

A) ACTIVITIES OF OVERT OPPOSITION GROUPS

MAY 1 - SECURITY FORCES CLAIMED BPR ELEMENTS WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR SHOOTING TWO NATIONAL POLICE (NP) AGENTS GUARDING SAN SALVADOR HEADQUARTERS OF RULING NATIONAL CONCILIATION PARTY (PCN).

MAY 8 - ELEMENTS OF BPR OCCUPIED RADIO SENORIAL FORCING BROADCAST OF MESSAGE ASKING FOR RELEASE OF FIVE BPR LEADERS ON WHOSE BEHALF EMBASSIES WERE OCCUPIED (SAN SALVADOR 2400).

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MAY 10 - COMMITTEE OF MOTHERS AND RELTIVES OF POLITICAL PRISONERS AND DISAPPEARED PERSONS HELD MARCH FROM CENTRAL MARKET TO CATHEDRAL (SAN SALVADOR 2464).

MAY 11 - IRRIGATION DISTRICT OFFICE AT ATIOCOYO WAS REPORTEDLY TAKEN BY 40-60 BPR MEMBERS WHO SET FIRE TO VEHICLES AND OFFICE FILES (SAN SALVADOR 2498).

MYA 14 - PAN LIDO BAKERY, SAN SALVADOR'S LARGEST, OCCUPIED BY WORKERS, REPORTEDLY LED BY BPR, TO MOURN CATHEDRAL VICTIMS (SAN SALVADOR 2522).

MAY 14 - BPR OCCUPIES CHURCHES IN SUCHITOTO, APOPA AND AGUILARES, A PROCEXSS IT WAS TO CONTINUE IN OTHER PLACES UNTIL MAY 24 DECLARATION OF STATE OF SIEGE.

MAY 15 - BPR MEMBERS ALLEGED TO HAVE KILLED NP AGENT IN SOYAPONGO.

MAY 15 - BPR BLAMED FOR BULLETS FIRED AT AND BOMBS THROWN AT COSTA RICAN CONSULATE IN SANTA ANA.

MAY 15 - BPR MEMBERS -- OR FPL MEMBERS (DEPENDING ON DIFFERING REPORTS) -- KILLED THREE POLICIA DE HACIENDA MEMBERS DURING EVENING ATTEMPT TO OCCUPY SOTH AFRICAN EMBASSY (SAN SALVADOR 2587).

MAY 18 - SECURITY FORCES REPORTEDLY ARRESTED FIVE MEMBERS OF BPR STUDENT ORGANIZATION MERS FOR POSSESSION OF FIRE BOMBS AND TAKEOVER OF SCHOOL NEAR MONCAGUA.

MAY 20 - ARCHBISHOP ROMERO CALLED ON BPR TO GIVE UP ITS OCCUPATION OF FRENCH AND VENEZUELAN EMBASSIES, SAYING THAT THEIR DEMANDS HAD BEEN COMPLIED WITH TO EXTENT POSSIBLE BY GOVERNMENTS CONCERNED (SAN SALVADOR 2689). HE ALSO REPORTEDLY CALLED FOR BPR TO GIVE UP SEVERAL CHURCHES IT HAD OCCUPIED AROUND EL SALVADOR. AT SAME TIME ROMERO RECOGNIZED FRUSTRATION FELT BY BPR AT CONTINUED UNACKNOWLEDGED DETENTION OF THREE OF ITS LEADERS.

MAY 24 -- MEMBERS OF BPR ALLEGEDLY RESPONSIBLE
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FOR BURNING DOWN OF MAYORLTY BUILDING IN SAN RAFAEL
OBRAJUELO (SAN SALVADOR 2794).

B) ACTIVITIES ATTRIBUTED TO EXTREME LEFTIST TERRORIST
GROUPS:

MAY 2 - FPL REPORTEDLY RESPONSIBLE FOR MACHINE-
GUNNING OF HOUSE OF ADOC PERSONNEL MANAGER CESAR HUMBERTO
VILLALTA MERINO IN AYUTUXTEPEQUE. HIS CAR WAS ALSO
SET ON FIRE. ADOC WAS SCENE OF LABOR PROBLEMS IN
APRIL (SAN SALVADOR 1906).

MAY 3 - MAYOR OF ARMENIA AND LOCAL ORDEN CHIEF
EDUARDO RODRIGUEZ FLORES SHOT AND KILLED BY ASSAILANTS
REPORTEDLY PART OF REVOLUTIONARY ARMY OF PEOPLE (ERP).

MAY 4-5 - THREE TRAFFIC POLICEMEN SHOT AND KILLED
AND ONE SERIOUSLY WOUNDED IN ATTACKS ATTRIBUTED TO
EXTREME LEFTIST POPULAR FORCES OF LIBERATION (FPL) -
SAN SALVADOR 2377.

MAY 4 - ERP REPORTEDLY RESPONSIBLE FOR BOMB THROWN
AT HOUSE OF MAYOR OF SONSONATE; NO CASUALTIES.

MAY 8 - MEMBER OF POLICIA DE HACIENDA WOUNDED BY
BOMB EXPLOSION NEAR FACTORY IN GAUZAPA.

MAY 8 - TWO BUSINESSES IN SANTA ANA BOMBED BY
FPL.

MAY 10 - THREE PERSONS REPORTEDLY KILLED BY FPL
MEMBERS WHO STOPPED BUS NEAR TECOLUCA. BUS WAS BURNED.

MAY 11 - CARS SET ON FIRE IN SAN SALVADOR OF
CAR DEALER CLOSE TO BUILDING WHERE PEACE CORPS OFFICES
LOCATED . FOUR ALLEGED ASSAILANTS KILLED BY NG AGENTS
(SAN SALVADOR 2498).

MAY 11 - TWO CARS AT RESIDENCE OF PRESIDENT OF
SUPREME COURT BURNED.

MAY 11 - YOUNG MAN KILLED BY POLICIA DE HACIENDA
(PH) IN SOYAPANGO WHILE ATTEMPTING TO SET FIRE TO BUS
(SAN SALVADOR 2528).

MAY 12 -EGYPTIAN EMBASSY AND CHILEAN AMBASSADOR
RECEIVE THREATENING PHONE CALLS (SAN SALVADOR 2528).
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MAY 12 - RETIRED TEACHER FRANCISCO JAVIER CASSTRO
SHOT AND KILLED IN ACT ATTRIBUTED TO FPL (SAN SALVADOR
2528). VICTIM WAS REPORTEDLY MEMBER OF ORDEN; DAUGHTER
WOUNDED IN ATTACK.

MAY 13 - LOCAL NG COMMANDER FERNANDO MELGAR
REPORTEDLY KILLED BY FPL IN CIUDAD ARCE (SAN SALVADOR
2552).

MAY 14 - GASOLINE STATION IN SAN MIGUEL BURNED
BY FPL (SAN SALVADOR 2552).

MAY 14 - TWO ASSAILANTS WHO TRIED TO BURN BUSES
NEAR SOYAPANGO WERE REPORTEDLY KILLED BY UNIT OF TERRITORIAL
FORCES (SAN SALVADOR 2555).

MAY 15 -FPL ALLEGEDLY RESPONSIBLE FOR SHOOTING OF
BUS DRIVER NEAR USULUTAN.

MAY 16 - PFL ALLEGEDLY RESPONSIBLE FOR BOMBING
AND SHOOTING ATTACK IN WHICH THREE MEMBERS OF SALVADORAN
NAVY KILLED (SAN SALVADOR 2631).

MAY 18 - FPL ALLEGEDLY RESPONSIBLE FOR ASSASSINATION
OF ORDEN OFFICIAL ABELARDO MAGANA DIAZ NEAR EL PAISNAL.

MAY 20 - FPL TAKES CREDIT FOR MACHINE-GUNNING OF
IBM BUILDING IN SAN SALVADOR AS WELL AS FOR BOMBING
OF PDC HEADQUARTERS (SAN SALVADOR2689).

MAY 23 - REPORTED ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT AGAINST
COL. JULIO GOMEZ, HEAD OF GOES-RUN WATER COMPANY ANDA
(SAN SALVADOR 2766).

MAY 23 - FPL REPORTEDLY TAKES OVER AGRICULTURAL
PROCESSING PLANT NEAR AGUILARES AND SETS FIRE TO 30,000
BALES OF PROCESSED SUGAR CANE (SAN SALVADOR 2766).

MAY 24 - ARGENTINE EMBASSY MACHINE-GUNNED; NO
INJURIES. FPL ALLEGEDLY RESPONSIBLE FOR ATTACK ON
CHILEAN EMBASSY THAT LEFT THREE ATTACKERS DEAD; ONE
WATCHMAN ALSO KILLED (SAN SALVADOR 2805)

MAY 25 - MANAGER OF ANTEL SUBSTATION KILLED IN
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MACHINE GUN ATTACK ON SUBSTATION NEAR COATEPEQUE (SAN
SALVADOR 2805).

MAY 29 - MIGUEL ARMANDO MIGUEL KIDNAPPED IN SAN
SALVADOR BY ERP (SAN SALVADOR 2884). MIGUEL RELEASED
JUNE 30 AFTER PAYMENT OF RANSOM (SAN SALVADOR 3664).

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CGM ACTIVITIES ATTRIBUTED TO EXTREME RIGHTIST TERRORIST GROUPS:

MAY 24 - CARLOS HUMBERTO MONTOYA, AN ACCOUNTANT, SHOT AND KILLED IN SAN SALVADOR. ARCHBISHOP ROMERO ATTRIBUTED ACT TO UGB (SAN SALVAOR 2843).

MAY 25 - ANDES MEMBER ANTONIO MERINO SHOT AND KILLED NEAR ZACATECOLUCA WITH SOME BLAMING UGB (SAN SALVADOR 2843).

MAY 26 - IN SANTA ANA, PROFESSOR ORLAND ALFREDO GUERRERO CHAMUL, MEMBER OF ANDES AND HEAD OF UDN IN SANTA ANA, SHOT AND KILLED IN SANTA ANA WITH SOME ATTRIBUTING ACT TO UGB (SAN SALVADOR 2843).

MAY 27 - MERCEDES RECINOS, SECRETARY OF WOMEN'S AFFAIRS FOR LABOR FEDERATION FENASTRAS, SHOT AND KILLED IN CHALATENANGO IN ACT ATTRIBUTED TO UGB (SAN SALVADOR 2843, 2918, 3005).

D) ACTIVITIES ATTRIBUTED TO SECURITY FORCES:

MAY 1 - COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS CLAIMED THAT ANDRES CONFIDENTIAL

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DE JESUS AGUIRRE HAD BEEN ARRESTED APRIL 26 NEAR ARMENIA (DEPARTMENT OF SONSONATE) AND NOT HEARD FROM SINCE.

MAY 1 - OPPOSITION NEWSPAPER "LA CRONICA" REPORTED THAT THIRTEEN COMAESINOS BELONGING TO CO-OPERATIVE HAD BEEN ARRESTED MAY 1 BY NATIONAL GUARD (NG) AGENTS IN DEPARTMENT OF CHALATENANGO. ALLBUT ONE (EUGENIO MEJIA) WAS RELEASED NEXKDAY. NEWSPAPER ALSO REPORTED THAT HABEAS CORPUS PETITIONS HAD BEEN PRESENTED ON BEHALF OF THREE OTHER ARRESTED CAMPESINOS.

MAY 14 - SECURITYFORCES AND ORDENMEMBERS ALLEGEDLY KILLED TWO MEMBERS OF FECCAS-UTC GROUP THAT OCCUPIED CHURCH IN SAN JOSE LAS FLORES AND ARRESTED EIGHT.

MAY 15 - BPR TEACHERS' ORGANIZATION ANDES 21 DE JUNIO PROTESTED ALLEGED MAY 12 ARREST OF TEACHER MARTA ALICIA RAMOS, CLAIMING SHE WAS TORTURED BEFORE BEING RELEASED.

MAY 15 - COMMUNIST LABOR FEDERATION CUTS ASKED FOR RELEASD OF UNION OFFICIAL JOSE GUILLERMO RIVAS FLORES, ALLEGEDLY ARRESTED MAY 8 IN SAN SALVADOR BY NP AGENTS.

MAY 19 - LEFTIST UNITED POPULAR ACTION FRONT (FAPU) CLAIMED THAT JUAN MOISES HERNANDEZ HAD BEEN ARRESTED IN A FACTORY IN SAN SALVADOR AND THAT HE WAS SUBSEQUENTLY "MURDERED".

MAY 22 - "LA CRONICA" CLAIMED THAT ORDEN COMMANDER NEAR VERAPAZ (DEPARTMENT OF XIN VICENTE) HAD MADE THREATS AGAINST WIFE OF MANUEL DE JESUS HERNANDEZ (ARRESTED AND NOT HEARD FROM SINCE MAY 8) FOR HER EFFORTS TO DETERMINE HERNANDEZ'S WHEREABOUTS.

MAY 23 - FECCAS-UTC CLAIMED THAT ON MAY 21, MEMBERS OF SECURITY FORCES AND ORDEN HAD ASSASSINATED CAMP 8,9
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ABRAHAM AVALOS, EDUARDO CONTRERAS, AND ROBERTO AVALOS GUZMAN NEAR CINAUERA.

MAY 23 - "LA CRONICA" ALSO CLAIMED THAT JUAN FRANCISCO ROMERO HAD "DISAPPEARED" SINCE BEING ARRESTED IN ZACATECOLUCA ON MAY 18.

MAY 25 - FECCAS-UTC CLAIMED BODIES OF JOAQUIN GAVIDIA AND EDUARDO GAVIDIA HAD BEEN FOUND MAY 22 AND THAT THEY HAD BEEN ARRESTED MAY 19 BY NG AGENTS.

MAY 26 - "LA CRONICA" CLASSIFIED AS "DISAPPEARED PERSON" CAMPECICG LUCIO CANDIDO ALFARO, ALLEGEDLY ARRESTED BY NG AGENTS MAY 17.

MAY 28 4: "LA CRONICA" CLAIMED SECURITY FORCES HAD KILLED ONE CAMPESENO (NICOLAS ANTONIO BARRERAS CANAS) AND ARRESTED FOUR OTHERS NEAR SAN ESTEBAN CATARINA.

MAY 30 - CORPSE OF LAZARO DE JESUS, SECRETARY GENERAL OF ANDES IN DEPARTMENT OF SANTA ANA WAS FOUND NEAR CANDELARIA DE LA FRONTERA. HE WAS ALLEGEDLY ARRESTED MAY 26 IN SANTA ANA (SAN SALVADOR 3064).

MAY 31 - "LA CRONICA" REPORTED ASSASSINATION OF ANDES MEMBER RENE GUEVARA BY SECURITY FORCES NEAR TEJUTEPEQUE - DEPT OF CABANAS (SAN SALVADOR 2976).

E) NON-ATTRIBUTABLE ACTIONS:

MAY 11 - OSCAR ROMERO WAS SHOT AND KILLED IN SONSONATE WHILE PUTTING UP BPR POSTERS (SAN SALVADOR 2528).

MAY 15 - WATCHMAN ALFONSO HERNANDEZ KILLED NEAR SAN SALVADOR SCHOOL.

MAY 16 - TWO NP AGENTS GUARDING EDUCATIONAL TV STATION IN SANTA TECLA KILLED IN ATTACK (SAN SALVADOR 2631).

MAY 29 - VEHICLE CARRYING THREE MEMBERS OF SECURITY FORCES WAS AMBUSHED NEAR EL PLAYON. ONE OF ATTACKERS REPORTEDLY KILLED WHILE TWO ARMY OFFICERS WERE WOUNDED (SAN SALVADOR 2918).

MAY 30 - ANDES MEMBER FRANCISCO BORJA CRRANZA

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SHOT IN HIS HOME IN ALTIQUIZAYA (SAN SALVADOR 3005).

11. NOTE: JUNE 10 EDITION OF CATHOLIC NEWSPAPER
"ORIENTACION" PUBLISHED FOLLOWING FIGURES FOR CONFLICT
BETWEEN BPR AND SECURITY FORCES:

114 ILLED (28 MEMBERS OF SECURITY FORCES AND GOES --

INCLUDING ORDEN, 62 BPR MEMBEUS, 4 FPL MEMBERS, 3 FAPU
MEMBERS, 5 PASSERSBY, AND 12 UNIDENTIFIED PERSONS),
92 WOUNDED, 55 ARRESTED, 28 EXILED, 64 VEHICLES BURNED
AND 28 BUILDINGS SET ON FIRE OR SHOT AT.
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